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CROKER SAILS WITH SON AND WIFE WILL JOIN HIM SOON—HE WILL RETURN

She, with Daughter and Other Son, Will Visit Irish Estate—Former Tammany Chief Declines to Discuss Politics—Says New York Is His Home.

Just before the Cunard line steamer Campanian sailed to-day, Richard Croker, who was a passenger, was asked by a friend who arrived late whether Mrs. Croker was on board.

"No," said Mr. Croker, "she is not on board, but she is to join me in the spring, about May. I think, when my sons Richard and Herbert and my daughter come over."

This statement by Mr. Croker is a confirmation of the one published exclusively in The Evening World at the time of Frank Croker's funeral, that the death of the young man had entirely reconciled Mr. and Mrs. Croker.

Mr. and Mrs. Croker have not lived together for years, but when Mr. Croker came over for the funeral of his son, he went straight to his wife's home and stayed there during his entire visit to this country.

Before he went away Mr. Croker gathered such old friends of his as John Fox, Andrew Freedman, Nathan Straus and John W. Keller about him and said:

"They are saying that I will never come back here again. That is not true. New York is my home and I expect to come back again, before a great while. I should be very happy, indeed, if I felt that I was going away from home forever."

Mr. Croker went on board the Campanian at midnight last night, and a number of his friends went down with him. They were on hand again bright and early to-day, and Mr. Croker was all ready to meet them for the remaining hour or so he had before the vessel left.

Mr. Croker's niece, his daughter and Fire Chief Croker were on the pier to say farewell to him, to Howard and to another niece, Mrs. Stella Bowman, who is Mr. Croker's housekeeper at his Irish home.

Why He Cropped His Beard.

Mr. Croker was in fine humor, perhaps the best he has been in since he came back to attend the funeral of his son. He was dressed in a suit of dark material and wore a silk hat. He had his hair gray beard, which used to be partially concealed by the powerful jaw, cropped close, the effect being to make him look very much younger. Asked why he had cut the beard down he said:

"Well, I was afraid that fellow Oates would get me and chloroform me."

MILLIONAIRE ENDS LIFE BY A WINDOW LEAP

Samuel Siebert Leaps Six Stories to Death at Ardsley Hall.

ILLNESS CAUSES ACT

Lands on Iron Fence of Court-Yard and Is Terribly Mangled—Neck Broken.

NURSE SAW HIM FALL

Crawled Through Small Window in Bathroom—Suffered Long from Nervous Disorders.

Crawling through a bathroom window, barely large enough to admit the passage of his body, Samuel Siebert, a millionaire cotton manufacturer, plunged six stories to his death in the courtyard of the fashionable Ardsley Hall apartment-house at No. 36 Central Park West to-day. He landed on an iron picket fence on which his body was so mutilated that it was some time before he was identified by his wife.

Mr. Siebert, who was thirty-eight years old, had amassed a fortune in Prairie du Chien, Wis., before coming to locate his business in this city a few years ago. He was a member of the firm of Louis Siebert & Brothers, of No. 111 Greenwich street.

With his wife and twelve-year-old daughter, Mr. Siebert engaged a double apartment on the sixth floor of Ardsley Hall last October. In December he suffered from an attack of nervous prostration, from the effects of which he never really recovered.

For the past month he had acted strangely and his wife had been greatly worried over his condition. Though he seemed physically stronger he suffered from a nervous malady that seemed to grow upon him. At times he would become frantic and declare that death would be better than a continued existence accompanied with such distress.

Sudden Attack To-Day.

He got up at his usual hour, 8 o'clock this morning, and breakfasted with his wife and daughter. He ate a hearty meal and seemed to have regained his cheerful spirits. As he was leaving the table, however, he was struck with another attack and went into the bathroom, locking the door.

Mrs. Siebert continued chatting with her daughter. The bathroom Mr. Siebert went into faced the courtyard. There is a vacant lot abutting on Ninety-first street on that side of the building, and a high iron fence skirts the wall of the building.

The man opened the small, narrow window of the bathroom and crawled through. Then he dropped from the window ledge, falling headfirst on the forehead struck the iron railings of the fence, impaling him and causing, according to a physician who examined the body, instant death.

No one was passing at the time, but Miss Marie Jones, a trained nurse, who was attending a patient in the building on a lower floor, saw the manufacturer's body fall through the air. She hurried out, summoned the young woman cashier of the building. The two went around and lifted Mr. Siebert's body from the fence.

Then Miss Jones hurried into her room and got a hypodermic syringe. She injected a quantity of the liquid into the arm of the body, thinking there was still life, while Dr. J. W. Doucette was being called.

Neck Was Broken.

The physician found that the neck was broken and the death had been instantaneous.

The body was so badly mutilated that it was impossible to identify it. All of the apartments were called up by the telephone operator, and inquiry was made to discover who the dead man was.

CLOSING IN ON TRAIL OF ROSS SLAYER

He Was Running Across Lots, Bundle in Arms, After Flames Started.

SUSPECT IS "WATSON."

Coachman Gave that Name and Fictitious Address When He Signed Will of Recluse.

PLUNDER MAY BE \$20,000.

Money and Jewels All Missing from the Ruins—Victim Was Contemplating Another Marriage.

The New Jersey police are close on the trail of the missing coachman, who is believed to have murdered Mrs. Hannah B. Ross, of Montclair, and then set fire to her house. The name of the man is known to the police, but they will not reveal it. The name he signed to Mrs. Ross's will was "L. C. Watson," and the address he wrote is No. 27 Green street, Newark. The name is fictitious and no such man is known at the Green street address.

County Detective Hummer, of Essex County, who has taken charge of the case, gave The Evening World a full account of the supposed murder to-day, but would not reveal his name.

"This man worked in Philadelphia for some time eight months ago," he said, "and then came to Newark. He has always been associated with cheap concert halls and saloons. His companions have been prizefighters, although the story that he is or ever was a prizefighter is incorrect."

Waiter and Bartender.

"He worked as a waiter and a bartender in Newark and then went to Elizabeth, where he was employed in a similar capacity. He then came back to Newark, but afterward went to Orange. That was a month ago, and we have no trace of him since then until he applied to Mrs. Ross for a position."

"The man is a low-down character, and would not hesitate to commit murder if he thought he could make good his escape. He is too well known to escape us, and we will surely get him. He was known as 'Bob' to his friends."

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PARR MATCHED WITH JENKINS

According to Articles Signed To-Day Big Wrestlers Will Meet on Mat at Sulzer's Next Friday Night.

Wrestlers Tom Jenkins and Jim Parr were matched to-day to meet in a finish contest, best two out of three falls, catch-as-catch-can style, at Sulzer's Harlem River Park on Friday, March 3.

This match is the outcome of the challenge issued by Jenkins to Frank Gotch at the wrestling match last night. Gotch would not consider another match with Jenkins, claiming that he had showed his superiority over the former American champion, and that Jenkins would have to prove his claim to consideration by defeating some of the other good wrestlers.

Parr was then offered the match and accepted. Jenkins agreed, and the articles were signed at once.

Jenkins has many supporters who still believe that he is invincible and who are anxious to see him and Gotch in a fight. They realize that a victory by Parr over one who will make the claim to be confident he will win and his backed his opinion with his own money.

COTTRELL LEADS MEN IN A RAID.

With Crowbars and Sledges He Smashes Way Into an Alleged Pool-room.

Capt. Cottrell, of the West Thirtieth Street Station, with a squad of rum-shooters, raided an alleged pool-room on Sixth avenue, near Thirty-second street, this afternoon. A dozen men were locked up in the station-house on various charges.

Two detectives got into the place early and made wagers with an alleged hand-book man. Then they left and brought back a party with crowbars and sledges and broke in the heavy outer door. John Brady, of No. 317 Park avenue, was charged with keeping the place.

PHIL FINCH IS STAKE WINNER

Rapid Water, the Favorite, Is Beaten a Length in Railway Feature at Crescent City Track.

CRESCENT CITY WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Nellie Russell (5 to 1), Claque (15 to 1), 2, Ethel's Pride 3.

SECOND RACE—Lucky Charm (4 to 1), 1, Right Royal (3 to 5), 2, Hadrian 3.

THIRD RACE—Docile (25 to 1), 1, Avoid (7 to 1), 2, Sadducee 3.

FOURTH RACE—Phil Finch (4 to 1), 1, Rapid Water (even), 2, Spencerian 3.

FIFTH RACE—Ram's Horn (9 to 10), 1, Asterita (5 to 1), 2, Trapper 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 25.—An especially attractive card and ideal racing weather brought a big crowd to the Fair Grounds this afternoon. Most interesting of course, centered in the New Orleans Railway Handicap, at a mile and a sixteenth, in which Capt. Jim Horn and Phil Finch, while Morris Hayman started his good horse, Rapid Water, who carried top weight. Rapid Dernham, also started his popular mare Bonnerian.

There was also a lot of interest in the meeting between George Bennett's good three-year-old, Lucky Charm and Hayman's Right Royal in the second race, at seven furlongs, each carrying 115 pounds. The scratches were as follows:

First race, Over Again; fourth race, Judge Humes; fifth race, Gay Boy; Lady Jellison; seventh race, Wrath of Ivy, Cardinal Wolsey, Sigmund, Felix Mozes.

FIRST RACE.

Five furlongs; selling; purse \$800; for three-year-olds and geldings. Winner, ch. f., by Highness—Nellie Bell, Owner—R. E. Watkins. Time—1:03.

SECOND RACE.

Three-year-olds and geldings; seven furlongs. Winner, br. c., by Lucky Dog—Charm, Owner—G. C. Bennett & Co.

THIRD RACE.

Purse, \$200; selling; for four-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Winner, br. f., by St. Baldo—Docile, Owner—Loehart Bros.

LONGSHOT WINS AT CITY PARK

Annora J., 60 to 1, in the Betting, Beats Out Bar le Duc in Fourth Race—Mary McCafferty in Front.

CITY PARK WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—First Attempt (even), 1, Princess Atheling (5 to 1), 2, Della A. 3.

SECOND RACE—Janeta (1 to 4), 1, Savoir Faire (even), 2, Omecias 3.

THIRD RACE—Mary McCafferty (8 to 5), 1, Lady Draper (5 to 1), 2, Cap and Gown 3.

FOURTH RACE—Annora J. (60 to 1), 1, Bar le Duc (5 to 1), 2, Lon Woods 3.

FIFTH RACE—Frontenac (7 to 10), 1, Garnish (1 to 2), 2, Resident, 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—There were seven races at the Fair Grounds this afternoon and six at City Park, and no other afternoon was ever provided for outdoor sport. The conditions were ideal, the weather warm and balmy, and the tracks as fast as they possibly could be.

In spite of the attraction of an added race at the Fair Grounds there was an enormous attendance at the City Park course. The attendance was also large at the Fair Grounds. Racing was keen and well contested, and betting was spirited.

ASCOT WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Cello (10 to 1), 1, Father Catherin (5 to 2), 2, Sunfire (5 to 1), 3, Time—1:09.

NO HOT SPRINGS RACES.

HOT SPRINGS, Feb. 25.—The races scheduled for to-day were declared off on account of the fire which burned most of the town last night. To-day's entries stand.

MOB THREATENS TO BURN NEGRO.

Fugitive Who Attacked Alabama Girl and for Whom Reward Was Offered, Captured.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Feb. 25.—Richard Young, a negro suspected of the murder of Miss Belle Bloodworth, of Decatur, was captured here to-day, and there is great excitement among the citizens. Threats have been made to burn the negro at the stake.

The Governor has been notified and may call out the troops. Young, for whom a reward of \$2,000 had been offered, made a desperate resistance.

Babies on Fire.

With fishing, burning, scaly humors speedily cured, by Cuticura.

KILLED BY TRAIN IN THE SUBWAY.

Switchman Run Down at His Post At 124th Street and Lenox Avenue.

Charles Koepke, a switchman in the Subway, was killed late this afternoon, while about his duties in the tunnel at One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Lenox avenue.

Koepke started to walk north on the north-bound track, when suddenly he was startled by the shrill blast of an electric whistle, which warned him that a train was bearing down upon him.

He jumped for his life, and the motorman put on the air-brakes, bringing his train up short. But it was too late.

The train struck Koepke, knocking him down upon the track. He was dead when Dr. Burns, of Harlem Hospital, met the train, at the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street station, with the body on the rear platform. Koepke lived at No. 61 East Fifteenth street. His body is at the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Station.

LATE WINNERS AT CRESCENT CITY.

SIXTH RACE—BROOKLYN (3 to 5), 1, GEORGE VIVIAN (10 to 1), 2, SAMBO (6 to 1), 3. No scratches.

SEVENTH—KING ROSE (3 to 1), 1, RED RAVEN, LADY RAY. Scratch—Cardinal Wolsey, Felix Mozes, Sigmund, Wrath of Ivy.

AT CITY PARK.

SIXTH RACE—RUBIN (3 to 1), 1, ROMANY RYE (5 to 1), 2, GARY (7 to 2), 3.

AT ASCOT.

SECOND RACE—ORO VIVA (4 to 1), 1, BRIARTHORPE (4 to 1), 2, FREESIAS (6 to 1), 3.

THIRD RACE—NITRATE (7 to 10), 1, GRAFTER (3 to 1), 2, ALLEGIANCE (7 to 2), 3.

AT OAKLAND.

FIRST RACE—EQUORUM REX (10 to 1), 1, UCHELITA (6 to 5), 2, ISABEAU (10 to 1), 3.

SECOND RACE—ANDREW B. COOK (7 to 5), 1, ARABO (12 to 1), 2, RUBY (15 to 1), 3.

FIVE DEAD IN GREAT FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS

Large Section of the City, Including Several Hotels and 375 Houses, Wiped Out, and Charred Bodies of Victims Reported to Have Been Found in Ruins.

JAIL AND COURT-HOUSE ARE BOTH DESTROYED.

Prisoners in Terror Until Removed to a Place of Safety—Water Supply Gives Out and New York Sporting Men Help Organize a Bucket Brigade.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 25.—Late reports this afternoon place the number of those killed in the fire that swept the lower part of Hot Springs to-day at five.

Three women are supposed to have been killed in the Grand Central Hotel. A man whose clothing bore the laundry mark "J. A. H." was burned to death in the middle of Orange street in the sight of hundreds of persons. He was caught in two currents of fire, dropped to the street to avoid them and was dead before aid could reach him. The body of another man has been found.

To-day's races were declared off on account of the fire, which destroyed 375 buildings, caused a property loss of \$1,000,000 and rendered 2,000 persons, many of them visitors, homeless. The survivors saved few of their effects.

Searchers in the ruins of the Grand Central Hotel, at Central avenue and Chappell street, found what are believed to be the charred bodies of three women. The fire started in this building. So rapid was its progress that the authorities are confident more bodies will be recovered when the wreckage is cool enough to allow investigation.

The burned district comprises one hundred acres of ground, exactly one hundred feet short of one mile in length and a half a mile wide.

Several persons are reported missing in the South Hot Springs section, which was destroyed. These cottages were largely occupied by invalids, many of whom were crippled by rheumatism. The residences of Mayor Belding and Sheriff Williams were burned. Telephone and street car service were rendered useless by the fire.

The County Court-House and the County Jail were wiped out by the flames. There were twenty prisoners in the jail and they were almost frantic with terror until released and moved to a place of safety. The building was on fire when they were taken out and was totally consumed within half an hour after their removal.

Many valuable records of Garland County were burned in the County House. Citizens and policemen risked their lives to save them but the advance of the fire was too rapid.

Fortunately the wind was toward the south, or, in the light of events succeeding the start of the fire, the blaze would have swept up the alley and probably reached the Park, Arlington, Eastman and other palatial hotels in the vicinity of the Government reservation as well as the arched bath houses. The blaze was confined to a section given over to business, moderately cheap hotels and lodging-houses and small frame dwellings.

HAD GAINED GREAT HEADWAY.

The Grand Central Hotel was discovered to be in flames at 3:34 A. M. The fire had gained great headway. Fanned by a high wind it swept to the

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